Homework 8

Due on 3 December 2012

Final Paper Preliminaries

For this homework, your assignment is to turn in a section from the beginning of your final paper that totals **around 5pp. or one-third of your final paper, whichever is longer**. This portion of your paper should be selected such that the reader can follow the discussion without seeing the (probably incomplete) remainder of your paper. Thus, an ideal section to turn in would be one of the following:

(1) **Description of the Problem**: An introductory section laying out the basic facts needed to follow discussion of the language and the data which constitute the core of the theoretical problem to be addressed. This section should clearly identify the reason the data are interesting or a problem and should provide *some* structure of the solution to be proposed. *This should be your default choice if none of the subsequent apply to you.*

(2) **One Constituent Analysis**: A section from the first half of the paper which solves a problem you need to have solved in order to do things later in the paper. This section should lay out *all* the data needed to solve the problem and walk the reader through how the analysis works. It can, but need not, provide discussion of issues which arise. *This is an ideal section for people whose papers do not divide easily into a "data" and "analysis" part.*

(3) **Summary of Previous Work/Assumptions**: A section which summarizes the literature the reader needs to know about in order to follow the discussion in the remainder of the paper. This section should carefully show the reader *why* the data or theory from the previous work is needed for the present paper. Additionally, this section should clearly show which portions of the previous work will *not* be adopted (if any). *This is ideal for people working with a lot of literature.*

This assignment will be evaluated on the basis of: (i) the quality of your writing, (ii) the organization of the section, (iii) the appropriate use of data to support empirical claims, (iv) neatness.